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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINT, PP
SUBJECT: FURTHER ON NO-CONFIDENCE VOTE

REF: PORT MORESBY 1391

1. MOTION OF NO-CONFIDENCE DEFEATED BY SUBSTANTIALLY LARGER
MAJORITY THAN INITIALLY INDICATED (REFTEL). PANGU/PPP WON
VOTE BY 68-35 COUNT, ONE MORE THAN COALITION HAD WHEN
ELECTING SOMARE AS PM IN 1977.

2. INTERESTING BY-PLAY REVEALED BY OPPOSITION WHIP AND
DEPUTY LEADER OF UNITED PARTY, ROY EVARA, DURING DEBATE
ON NO-CONFIDENCE MOTION. EVARA TOLD PARLIAMENT THAT
"RIGHT UP TO WEDNESDAY, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF MR. CHAN
LED US TO BELIEVE THAT THEY WOULD GET OUT OF THE GOVERNMENT
AND JOIN US . . . NOW WE KNOW WE WERE DECEIVED." CHAN
SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED VERACITY OF EVARA'S STATEMENT,
SAYING, "I AM SAD THE OPPOSITION HAS BREACHED
CONFIDENTIALITY BUT I MAKE NO APOLOGY FOR HAVING
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DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM. I THINK IT IS THE RIGHT OF THE
PEOPLE'S PROGRESS PARTY TO SEEK A BETTER ALTERNATIVE
GOVERNMENT."

3. PM SOMARE TOLD RADIO AUDIENCE EVENING AUG 24 THAT
COALITION PARTNERS HAD DIFFERENCES, THAT THE COALITION
NEVERTHELESS REMAINED STRONG AND THAT HE AND CHAN WOULD

BE GETTING TOGETHER TO WORK OUT PROBLEMS AND GET ON
WITH GOVERNING.

4. SIZE OF MAJORITY SHOWS AGAIN THAT COALITION IN VERY
STRONG PARLIAMENTARY POSITION--AS LONG AS PPP SUPPORTS
PANGU.

5. DETAILED REVIEW OF SESSION TO FOLLOW.
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